ticles by elevating temperature to give a ground fish meat; and [the step of] mixing under stirring said ground fish meat together with additives with the use of a pin mixer.

Delete claim 2 in favor of the remaining claims.

Claim 3, line 2, change "once" to --first--; same line, delete "almost".

## Add the following new claims:

The thawing method as claimed in claim 3, wherein milled frozen ground fish meat is thawed by elevating temperature without mashing.

--11. The thawing method as claimed in claim 4, wherein milled frozen ground fish meat is thawed by elevating temperature without mashing.

The thawing method as claimed in claim 5, wherein milled frozen ground fish meat is thawed by elevating temperature without mashing. --

## REMARKS

The Official Action of October 28, 1998, and the prior art cited and relied upon therein have been carefully studied. The claims in the present application are now claims 1 and 3-12, and these claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully urged.